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Qatar:* draft resolution

United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its 2003 Ministerial Declaration,[1] which underlines the importance of alliances and partnerships among actors in different sectors for the promotion of integrated rural development,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 58/129 of 19 December 2003, entitled "Towards global partnerships", by which the Assembly, inter alia, identifies the principles, objectives and modalities of such partnerships and welcomes the establishment of a multitude of partnerships at the field level, such as the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (United Nations Alliance),

1. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Government of Madagascar to serve as pilot country for the United Nations Alliance;

2. *Invites* the donor community, the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders to support, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly and the Council, the programmes and activities of the United Nations Alliance, and also invites the Bretton Woods institutions to cooperate to that end;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/58/3), part one, chap. III, para. 35.

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3. *Emphasizes* that the United Nations Alliance should work in conformity with the guidelines and criteria for partnerships, as elaborated by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/129;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2005 on the work of the United Nations Alliance.